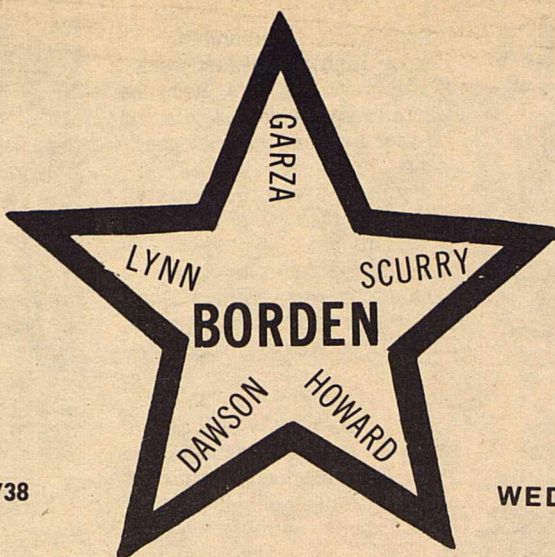


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## Letter to the Editor

Many things have been said in regard to the 1972 assessments on real property in Borden Co. and the Borden County Independent School District. Some false ideas and false rumors concerning the School Board's point of view and the School Board's reaction to the tax matter have been misleading to say the least. The School District has not made an attempt to chase down rumors nor has it tried to shift the blame to any other group. The decisions made by the board are no secret. In fact, you as a citizen of this community and school district should know exactly what actions were taken and why they were taken.

The first meeting with an oil representative was on March 15, 1971. Mr. Bob McKenzie, Property Tax Division, Continental Oil Company, met with the Board for the purpose of providing information as to what oil companies would go along with in 1971. The Board was informed in no uncertain terms that the oil companies would not stand for the raise in assessed values which amounted to \$20,000,000.00.

The oil company representatives were then asked to meet with the board in April to determine a basis of which the tax problem could be worked out. All major companies representatives were present at the meeting on April 19, 1971. It was the opinion of the oil companies that mineral values and real estate values were assessed unequally. It was also the opinion of the oil companies that the school district would have to re-evaluate this year or lower the assessment on oil properties.

The board then made a proposal to the taxpayers in which the board asked to keep the \$20,000,000.00 increase (\$20,000,000.00 at 27½ percent assessment equals \$5,500,000.00) in value and lower the tax rate to adjust to the budget. The oil company representatives refused the proposal. The board then discussed the possibility of lowering the assessment on oil properties to approximately what the values had been in 1970. Both parties agreed to meet

again on May 10, 1971 to discuss the problem further. Mr. R. H. Weaver, Attorney at Law, was retained as the school attorney. Two meetings were called with the school attorney and a decision was made to accept the proposal that had been proposed by the School Board and oil company representatives at the previous meeting. These matters were actually worked out by the school attorney and the attorney for the oil companies. The results were as follows:

1. The Borden County Independent School District will reevaluate the local property in the district for the year 1972, based upon the fair market value of such property. The tax valuation of the local property and the oil property in 1972 will be based upon the same percentage.

2. The Board will place a record in its minutes of this letter agreement with the understanding that the oil companies are not agreeing that the taxes are equalized for the year 1971 in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, but are agreeing to this settlement so as to give the Board a year in which to re-evaluate the local property.

3. The mineral tax roll for 1970 was \$20,068,700.00. We agree that the total mineral roll for 1971 will be increased \$500,000.00, that is to \$20,568,700.00. The valuation of the local property will not be increased for 1971.

In reality, the Board of Trustees and Equalization Board sign a statement each year which says the same identical thing that paragraph 1 and 2 is saying. Again, in all reality, these are the laws of our state. The third paragraph, gives the school a \$500,000.00 increase. This was not all we needed, but we felt that the school could be operated on this amount without cutting the quality of the education program. We still believe this. It is our feeling that any group who pays 90 per cent of the taxes has a right to be heard. The oil companies have been paying exactly that amount and have afforded us a fine school system for the education of our children along with other benefits in the county.

Those who believe that the School Board would like to see values be raised on local property should check the tax rolls and see if the board members are not tax payers also. The board is constantly seeking ways of financing the school system. This is not always an easy task with expenses becoming greater every day. It was the intent of the School Board to finance a quality education program without placing a burden on any tax payer.

Taxes may be raised during the 1972 year. Values will probably be raised on real estate to a certain extent. We would like to assure you that whichever course of action the board takes, it will have the taxpayers in mind. We believe in compromise where feasible. We do believe in co-operation with taxpayers whenever possible if it saves you money in taxes. We believe that we compromised at the correct time and we are still satisfied with that decision although we have agreed with the oil companies to re-evaluate local property taxes for 1972. The Borden County Independent School District is not under a court order to equalize taxes for the 1972 tax year.

Signed  
J. R. Anderson  
President  
Borden County School Board

## "Boots" Turner Dies

J. M. "Boots" Turner, born March 27, 1907 at Haskell, Texas, died of a heart attack at Lake Hubbard Nov. 7, doing what he loved to do, fish.

He and Jackie O'Connell were married Sept. 1, 1927. Moving to Borden County in 1943 from Taylor County, he lived in this area ever since.

Other than his wife, Jackie, survivors are: One son; Dan of Borden County, one grandson; Blaine also of Borden County, one granddaughter; Danna Currey of Denton and two great-grandchildren; Bric and Kim Sue Turner, and one brother and one sister.

Services were held Tuesday Nov. 9th at the O'Donnell Church of Christ. Burial was at Gail Cemetery.



JANABETH PRITCHETT  
District 6

## Finals In Texas Farm Bureau Contest

Finals of the 1971 Texas Farm Bureau queen contest was held on the evening of Monday, Nov. 15, at the TFB convention in Amarillo. Thirteen lovely contestants, one from each TFB district, were competing for the coveted crown.

Taking place in the Auditorium Theater of the Amarillo Civic Center, the event climaxed selection procedures that have been under way for several months.

Competing in the contest from District 6 is lovely Janabeth Pritchett, daughter of Mrs. Frank Pritchett, Lamesa, Dawson County, sophomore in Texas Tech University.

Miss Pritchett is a home economics major in clothing and textiles. She plans to become a fashion designer. During the past summer she was employed at Dotty Dan, Inc., working in the designing department. In high school she was a member of the a capella choir for three years and received first division ratings in UIL solo and ensemble competition for three years. She was a member of the National Honor Society for two years. For three years she worked on the yearbook staff and was assistant editor and business manager her senior year. Also during her senior year she was elected "Miss Citizenship" and the local Business Women's Association selected her as the 1970 "Girl of the Year" for Lamesa.

## Editorial

Last week one of our Borden Co. High School students narrowly escaped being seriously injured in a two car collision at the intersection of Highway 180 and FM 669.

It was brought to my attention that every Borden Co. school bus, except one station wagon, crosses or pulls on or off Highway 180 every school day to say nothing of the number of students driving their own cars.

Several years ago our school officials applied for a stop light at this particular intersection. The application was denied in Austin because of "lack of traffic on FM 669" and "no history of accidents." Good Heavens, must we wait for "a history of accidents"? The school did succeed however, in having a caution light on Hwy 180 and a red light on FM 669 installed. Is this enough?

Our county officials, with the aid of the Highway Patrol run a radar screen two or three times a week. This covers approximately one quarter of a mile on either side of the intersection in question. Again, is this enough?

I am in no way criticizing our school or county officials. They have certainly been aware of the situation and have taken steps to remedy it, but sometimes their hands are tied.

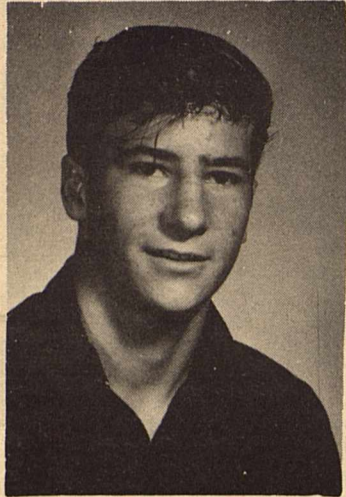
I have been informed that our school officials are going to reapply in Austin. It is believed that letters from Borden County citizens following this plea will go a long way in getting the protection we need. I have written my letter to Governor Smith requesting a four way stop light at the intersection of Hwy 180 and FM 669. I also requested that we not have to wait until a bus load of our children are perhaps seriously injured before action is taken. Will you do the same?

In the meantime, how about Sheriff Snead "directing traffic" or the school forming a Safety Patrol to protect our school children. This would only need to be in effect from 7:45-8:30 in the morning and from 3:30-4:00 in the evening.

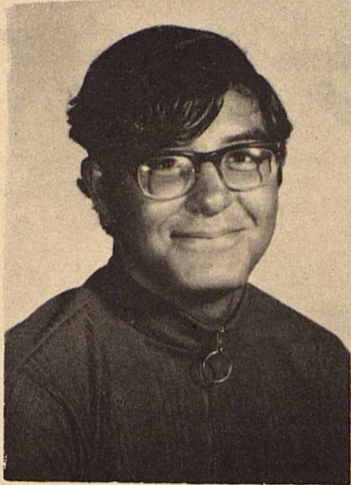




# Borden County School News



**RANDY CRITTENDEN**  
BACK OF THE WEEK



**ROBY RIOS**  
LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

## Football Awards

Quarterback Randy Crittenden and Guard Roby Rios accepted the weekly football awards at the pep rally on November 5. Randy, a junior, was named Back of the Week;

and Roby, also a junior, was named Lineman of the Week. This weeks awards were for the game with Loop, which the Coyotes won with a score of 74-38. Good job boys!

## Coyotes Win, 32-21

The Borden County Coyotes were victorious over the Dawson Dragons Friday night, November 5 at Dawson. The exciting game was probably the best game of the year for the fans to watch as it was definitely a thriller. Borden County only needs to win over Garden City now to share the district crown with Sterling City. Borden County's record now stands at 7-0-1.

The Coyotes took a 16-13 halftime lead on scores by Randy Hensley. Extra points were made from passing plays by Quarterback Randy Crittenden to Charles Billeck and Roy Don Hendley.

Charles Billeck broke on a 55 yard third quarter score and Randy Crittenden hit Roy Don

Hendley for the extra points. Dawson nearly scored on the kickoff return but Henry Olivarez caught the Dragon runner on the 5 yard line. Dawson scored in four plays.

In the fourth quarter, Dawson had the ball on the Coyote 2 yard line and a first down. They attempted a quick pass but Randy Hensley picked it off and ran 78 yards for the final Coyote touchdown. Randy Crittenden ran the extra points.

The Coyote defense looked real good in stopping Dawson several times when they were about to score. The final regular season game will be Friday night, November 12 at Garden City. Follow the Coyotes and support them in another victory!

## Spirit High

Spirit was in abundance at Borden High School last week. It was most apparent everyone wanted a Coyote victory over the Dawson Dragons and they got it - score, 32-21.

Wednesday was "Poster Day" with students going all out. Imaginations were great as were all the posters.

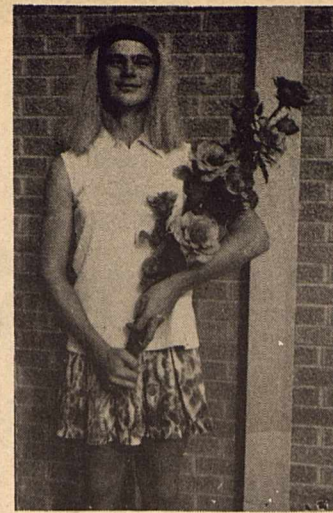
Thursday was "Kiddie Day" with Borden High looking more like Borden Kindergarten.

Friday (THE DAY) was "Red, White, and Blue Day".

The best pep rally of the year was held in the Borden gym at 3:00. The cheerleaders put on a skit, narrated by Bobbie Briggs. Susie Proctor, with her "dragon smoke", was the Dawson Dragon bragging how "tough and great" she was. Lisa Ludecke, Miss Lady District Championship, with the narration by Bobbie, explained how to win the Lady District Championship crown. Vickie Newton was next on the agenda as Garden City - Susie, the dragon, quickly beat her up. Then it was Sterling City, played by Janice Browne. After a big battle, she downed the dragon. Then came the MIGHTY COYOTE, Donna Simer. Again, a big battle, but to no one's surprise, the Coyote put the Dawson Dragon in it's place, but good! Miss Lady District Championship walked off with the winner--the GREAT BORDEN COUNTY COYOTE!!

The Student Council sponsored a Freshman Beauty Contest and the beauties were indeed "beautiful"?? Toby Sharp charmed the judges and was announced winner to the delight of Borden County students.

Coaches Dyess, Huddleston, and Scott led the yell, F-I-G-H-T. Rumor had it they practiced all week, but it must have been a false one! No, you were great, coaches.



**Toby Sharp was named "Most Beautiful" at the Freshman Beauty Contest November 5 sponsored by the Borden Student Council.**

## Seniors Meet

The senior class of Borden High School gathered for a class meeting on October 22, 1971.

Discussion was held concerning the concession stand for the 1971-72 basketball season. Types of food were decided upon and students were assigned what to bring. A work sheet was made out by the senior sponsors listing when students would work at each ballgame. Some of the food, the drinks, and the cups are to be purchased by the class, while the remainder will be brought by class members. Money earned will be used for the senior trip in May.

Sponsoring the Borden County Invitational Basketball Tournament was discussed by members and sponsors. A committee was selected to acquire rosters of each team which will be sold by the class.

## Borden Schools

### Menu

(week of November 15)

MONDAY

Stuffed weiners  
Mashed potatoes  
Vegetable salad  
Hot rolls - butter  
Canned apricots - milk

TUESDAY

Meat sauce - rice  
Buttered potatoes  
Green beans  
Batter bread - butter  
Brownies - milk

WEDNESDAY

Fried chicken  
English pea salad  
Creamed potatoes  
Hot rolls - butter  
Jello-topping - milk

THURSDAY

Hamburgers  
Lettuce - tomatoes - pickles  
Potatoes  
Chocolate chip cookies  
Milk

FRIDAY

Turkey - dressing  
Cole slaw  
Sweet potatoes  
Hot rolls - butter  
Cranberry sauce  
Fruit Salad - milk

## Thanks! . . . 5th Grade

The fifth grade class of Borden Elementary School were served on Friday, October 29. We would like to say that we especially thank Mrs. R. L. Hodnett and Mrs. Vernon Wolf for their delightful game of ghostly chairs and the refreshments.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sue Smith

Travis Rinehart, Ricky Holden, Lisa McLeroy, Rhesa Wolf, Penny Thompson, Stacy Tally, Rosie Rios, Sylvia Skelton, Brent Rhoton, Sid Westbrook, Perry Smith, Ray Don Underwood, Blane Dyess, Sonny McDiffitt, and Chuck Canon.

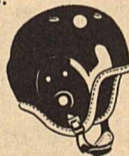
## Parents Club Meets

The Borden Elementary Parents Club met Thursday November 4 for their monthly meeting with twenty-three parents and nine children in attendance. Mrs. Ralph Miller presided in the absence of President Mrs. T. L. Griffin II.

Plans were made for the Harvest Festival booth on November 18. Two possible projects for the future were discussed - a banner for the band, and elementary playground equipment.

The fourth grade class, under the direction of Mrs. Borden Gray, presented a Thanksgiving program. Those participating were Glenda Burkett, Cole Herring, Troy Hyden, Carla Jones, Michael Madry, Juan Morado, Ben Murphy, Craig Peterson, Brad Smith, Dana Talley, Tim Taylor, Mark Walker, Karen Williams, and Troyce Wolf.

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 2.



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**BORDEN JUNIOR HIGH TWIRLERS:** Sue Hancock and Tricia Jackson.

**Girls Vs. Ira**

The Borden varsity and Junior High girls basketball teams entertained the visiting Ira girls November 2. The Junior high team whipped Ira with a score of 18-12; varsity was less fortunate, losing 51-37.

**FFA Contest Results**

The Mesa District FFA Leadership Contests were held in Tahoka, Wednesday, November 3, for the eighteen schools in the district. The Gail FFA Chapter was represented with eighteen boys participating in four different contests. Results of the Gail FFA were as follows:

**JUNIOR CHAPTER CONDUCTING,** 2nd place, team members were Monte Smith, Teddy Cooley, Jim McLeroy, Kem Lockhart, Clifton Smith, John Anderson, and Billy Jackson;

**FFA QUIZ,** 2nd place, team members were Kem Lockhart, Teddy Cooley, Monte Smith, Clifton Smith;

**SENIOR CHAPTER CONDUCTING,** 4th place, team members were Joe Hancock, Max Jones, Roy Don Hendley, Rex Cox, D. M. Parks, Randy Ogden, and Doug Isaacs;

**FARM RADIO,** 4th place, team members were Randy Crittenden, Randy Hensley, Steven Lockhard, and Mike Herring.

All four teams won banners for their efforts. Teams were coached by Mr. Sid Long, and Mr. Joe Raines.

**Flash!**

After this weeks news was set, we learned that the Junior Chapter Conducting Team of the Gail F.F.A. will be going to Area Contest representing Mesa District. This competition will be held Sat. Nov. 13 in Big Spring, Texas. Congratulations!

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**Cubs Lose Last**

**Game**

The Borden County Junior High football team lost to Sterling City Junior High on Thursday, November 4, with a score of 40-6.

This was the final game of the 1971 season for the Cubs who will now turn their attention to basketball. Good luck boys.

**Boosters**

The Borden Booster Club met in the Borden School Cafeteria on Wednesday night, November 3 for a regular meeting.

Club members voted to set a goal of buying a closed circuit television system. This will be done with money collected through the clubs projects and donations.

The Booster Club will have a roping booth at the Harvest Festival on Thursday night, November 18. Also, they will auction off the autographed football previously won and donated back to the club by Mr. Ben Jarrett. In addition, there will be a designated place for donations for those wishing to contribute toward the purchase of the television system.

**Former Borden Co. Principal To Marry**

Mr. Dale Choate has sent word of his forth coming marriage to Miss Jo Ann Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Griffin of Ft. Worth.

Mr. Choate came to the Borden Co. school system in the fall of 1963, teaching the 8th grade. In 1966 he was named principal of Jr. High and Elementary, a position he held until he retired in 1970. He is now a principal in the Justin, Texas school system.

The wedding of Miss Griffin and Mr. Choate will be held in the Arlington Height's Baptist Church in Ft. Worth on Sat. Nov. 20 at 7:30. Congratulations Dale and Jo Ann.

**Honor Roll for Fluvanna**

- First Nine Weeks 1971-1972
- Second Grade — "A" Tammy Merritt, Vicki Gregory; "B" — Ray Stephenson, Michelle Ball.
- Third Grade — "A" Mickey Smith, "B" — Brenda Stanton.
- Fourth Grade — "B" — Ramon Fuentes, Joe Stanton.
- Fifth Grade "B" — Zenda Ball.
- Sixth Grade — None
- Seventh Grade — None
- Eighth "B" — Sandy Smith.
- Ninth Grade "" — Chuck Jones, "B" Ronald Gill, David Beaver.
- Tenth — None
- Eleventh "A" — "H" Baker.
- Twelfth "A" Reggie Baker, Vicki Smith "B" — Ann Smith

**Bulldogettes Beat Sands**

Both the "A" and "B" teams of Coahoma played Sands last Tuesday night. It was the Bulldogettes' first basketball game this season, and they won in both games.



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**Auto Safety Demonstration at Fluvanna**

Safe driving must be made a personal habit of every motorist if the slaughter on America's highways is to be curbed, Ben Bullard, Asst., Dir. of Safety, Texas Farm Bureau, declared as he spoke prior to conducting driving tests at Fluvanna High School.

"Excessive speed is the greatest single cause of automobile accidents," Bullard said. In the demonstration which followed, he pointed out the conditions under which even 20, 30, or 40 miles per hour can be excessive.

Bullard added, "when drivers know the true facts and base their driving on those facts, highway accidents will drop sharply."

A film on traffic safety was shown to the students, teachers, and guests. Students and teachers took part in the tests which were conducted in a specially equipped car. The test driver was signalled to stop by an electrically controlled detonator. As the shell was fired, the street was marked with yellow paint. A second bullet was fired as brakes were applied and a third after the car came to a complete stop. Distances between the spots were carefully measured to determine in feet and inches how far the car traveled before the driver applied the brakes, or the reaction distance, and how

far it traveled after the brakes were applied, or the braking distance.

Bullard emphasized the fact that a driver who observes the speed laws carefully is not a safe driver if he neglects many other items such as proper signalling for turns, approaching an intersection in the proper lane for a turn, the proper way to turn around, and many other things which are essential for safe driving.

Today's safety demonstration which was brought to Fluvanna under the sponsorship of the McLennan County Farm Bureau is part of a long range program of traffic safety conducted since 1957 by the Texas Farm Bureau Safety Department.

Taking part in the special traffic safety program were Reggie Baker and Charlene Pennington each driving the specially equipped car at 20 mph; Buddy Stewart driving 39 mph; and Bill Baker driving 40 mph.

Stopping distance for the participants were: Reggie Baker, 49 feet 7 inches; Charlene Pennington, 42 feet 6 inches; Buddy Stewart, 97 feet 9 inches; Bill Baker, 125 feet 0 inches.

Also assisting with the program were J. W. White, Vicki Smith, Steve Stansell, Steve Beaver and Ben Bullard.



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*Jere's Jottings*

The bottom of my foot is so sore from stamping it and saying, "I cannot tolerate that". But I see now that I must change my terminology and say, "That is Intolerable". The word tolerate to the pseudo-intellectuals of the far Left is a virtue word, -intolerate is a vice word. Not that I want to promote vice, it's just that I can no longer use the word tolerate in a positive manner and run the risk of tolerating the intolerable. See how they get you so mixed up that you can no longer say and mean one day what was right yesterday but not tomorrow?

The word tolerance to the Liberals is an attitude of the mind, a neutralizer, a mental dilution. Using this criteria, one is reduced to the schizophrenic state of indecision, lack of precision of mind, incapable of "sticking to your guns". Tolerance or to tolerate is to be sophisticated, to be "in", to be moving with the times. Told never to be intolerant - that is a character flaw. No, we are to be tolerant of the most ludicrous, the most crude, the least intelligent, the worst in art and literature, and the epitome of bad manners to name only a few instances.

We are to tolerate homosexuality - even the churches have welcomed and formed clubs for the "gay" boys. We are to tolerate nudity - the movie, fashion, advertising, and novels promote this. We are to tolerate promiscuity - the concerted effort to pass abortion laws, the pill (what Good mother doesn't share her prescription with her daughter?), and socialism - the graduated income tax, - communism - the recognition and trade with Red China, drugs - the effort to legalize marijuana and the acceptance again of Red China who is the Biggest supplier of heroin. On and on - you can name the instances where we have been asked to tolerate that which we know to be wrong. Not wrong because some of us may have been raised in a puritan environment - no, wrong because acceptance of these things is against the nation's Christian moral code.

We are wooed into relazing our guard by phrases such as "times have changed", "it's a whole new ball game", "well, everyone is doing it", "it may be wrong but who am I to object?" "no, I don't approve but it's their business", "they are just doing their own thing". It sure is hard too, to keep your head when all about you are losing theirs. Sure, the pressures are overwhelming not only through the communications media but right at home. My kids have been brainwashed by their church, their schools and their peers that they refuse to

ever condemn what they know is intolerable. They merely say that it is none of my or their business what others are doing. I am told I am the most intolerant - there is that vice word - person and that it is none of my concern what goes on about me.

"It's a free country isn't it?" they say to me. That is a mute question. But the point is no one is ready to condone actions and a way of life that will ultimately affect that very freedom.

Our founding fathers came to this country because they could not tolerate the taxation and suppression of England. The immigrants have come to this country because they could not tolerate the suppression of their native lands. It seems most everything we hold dear and have fought for has arisen from an intolerable position. But these same things are now being attacked through the guise of "tolerance". Just stop and think of the basic tenets of our culture which are being diluted by "tolerance": the church, the family, the home, and the nation. And education - look back and remember how we have been forced to open the doors of Christian colleges to perveyors of atheism and treason. Why can't they abide by the standards of Christian education and simply not tolerate those forces which would undermine their very reason for being?

It is funny when the shoe is on the other foot. The Libs really raise cane and are excessively intolerant of Rhodesia, Twaiwan, patriotism, chastity, beauty, the police, and rule or regulation that happens to hamper their program. They insist on economic reprisal - ok, let's play their game. Let's refuse to buy the smut, to do business with those industries who promote the Left. Let's be intolerant to the extent that we make a meaningful impression.

Maybe we ought to proclaim a National Foot Stomping Day. That way with all of us stomping our feet at one time over intolerable goings on, maybe we could restore some reason to this nation gone mad. At least we could step on a few toes.

**LETTERS**

Dear Editor:

Concerning Jere's Jottings on Love Story! This is only one person's opinion of this show, while their are some who may like the whow and the theme behind it. The language in this story is not something that has not been said. Maybe we have even heard it from out parents at some time or another. Thinking of the Ten Commandments it works both ways! You have to have decent parents worth honoring. And in his eyes he didn't. You can't really honor someone if they are not up to fill the class as parents. Even if these two people did not believe in God that only makes us realize how much we love and cherish God. This show opens your eyes to what it would be like to die without God. And to me love should not be having to say you are sorry. If it's love your feelings will show that you are sorry. That is a perfect example in Love Story. Yet if this story is so bad in your sight why did you go see the movie? You knew what it was. No matter how much this show may have helped some, you have run the whole bit in the ground. You have only looked at the bad side side. There are two sides to everything.

Defenders of Love Story

Dear Jere,

Just a note of appreciation from a parent who has neither seen nor read Love Story. Your article in the Borden Star was very informative. It is appalling when one realizes the sly way filth is being put into the minds and eyes of our teenagers today. We are lulled into lethargy with the thought that these things can't happen. It all very clearly proves the powerful work of Satan in our world. Our teenagers are living in very difficult days; but the answer for them is God as the center of their lives.

Thank you for opening our eyes!

An enlightened reader



Our apologies to Dock Howell for printing his name wrong in last week's issue.

**Unsafe Line Contact Now Illegal**

Among new state laws of interest to farmers is one which makes it illegal for anyone except authorized personnel to operate any kind of equipment within six feet of a high-voltage electric line.

While compliance with the law is important, the prime consideration here should be the safety of persons operating the equipment.

The presence of electric power lines on or alongside practically every farm in this area can constitute a hazard to the farmer, members of his family and employees working on the farm if certain safety rules are not observed.

Care should be taken to see that cotton trailers are parked well away from electric lines so that there will be no danger of contacting the lines when cotton is being dumped from a basket type cotton stripper or picker into the trailer.

Careless handling of a portable, power-driven grain elevator could result in an accident if the elevator is used in the vicinity of overhead electric lines.

Use of long joints of aluminum irrigation pipe under or near electric lines is a year-around hazard. The danger can be lessened during the winter months by stacking the irrigation pipe some distance from the power lines.

Think safety! Talk safety to everyone on the farm! Make this the safest harvest season ever.

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Broadcast editorial, WKRC, Cincinnati

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## Guests At Missouri Plant

Vivian and Pauline Clark were guests of I.G. and Cora Mae Hudson, former Borden Co. residents in Clovis, New Mexico, several days last week. While there they visited the "Missouri Beef Packers Plant" in Friona, Texas, where I.G. is yard Foreman.

The plant has been in operation three and half years. It is the largest single chain government inspected plant in the United States.

Beefs killed in six-eight hour days were seven thousand-eight hundred and sixty three head, valued at over two and one half million dollars.

The trucks bringing the cattle to plant start arriving about five o'clock each morning, from a radius of about a hundred miles away. The beavers have been fed in lots and average one thousand pounds each, on foot.

The group met in the office personnel and saw processing of the beef, from on foot, until it was cut in fourths, loaded in refrigerated vans-to be carried to all parts of the United States. The liver is sent to Japan.

They also have a plant in Plainview, Texas, which has been in operation about twenty month

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Clark visited Mrs. George (Ludie) Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Vandeventer in Clovis, N.M. on Wed. of last week. They came back by Meadow, Texas and had a nice visit with Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hicks, Mrs. Hicks is the former Nora Sealy whose parents settled in Borden Co. in the early 1900's. This is a small world after all, Ned and Lucy Smith, our neighbors from the Plains Community were visiting their daughter Ruth Branch and family, who live about two miles from the Hicks', the day they were there.


Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holmes left this week on vacation. They will visit their son, Gene and family in Parker, Arizona and Mrs. Holmes family in Brawley, California.

Mrs. Reba Ross, Mrs. Shawn Boise and daughters, Waco, visited in the home of Mrs. Alma Cathey and Orvil Cathey this weekend.

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## Obituaries

### Mrs. Maynard Ben Jenkins Rites

Mrs. Bessie Maynard, 75, of Fluvanna died last Friday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital at Snyder. Services were Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Fluvanna Methodist Church. The Rev. Phillip Lopes, pastor, officiated, assisted by E.M. Steph, minister of the Fluvanna Church of Christ, and the Rev. Thomas Hall, pastor of the Fluvanna Baptist Church. Burial was in the Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home of Snyder.

Mrs. Maynard was born Dec. 25, 1895 in Jayton. She had lived at Fluvanna since 1939.

Survivors are: four sons, Son Cox of Gail, Clyde Cox of Slaton, Mrul Cox of Ajo, Ariz., and Doyle Maynard of Natchitoches, La. Two sisters, Mrs. Ada Younger of Kilgore, and Mrs. Pat Ikola of Carlsbad, N.M.; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Ben Jenkins of Elida, N.M. passed away Nov. 6, in Lubbock. Services were held in Millsand, N. M. Nov. 8. Among his survivors is a nephew, Skeet Jenkins, with whom he lived, and three nieces Mary Mitchell of Lubbock, Sadie Longbotham, Snyder, Frances Stockston of Big Spring. Mays also a nephew is a survivor.

"Uncle Ben" was a former resident of Borden County. He won the Oldest Citizen award at our Museum Dedication and Reunion in 1970.

His brother, the late J. R. Jenkins was Sheriff of Borden Co. a number of years.

### Father, Child Found Dead

The bodies of a father and his 2 year old daughter were found in a mobile home at Big Spring. The father had been shot and a gas pipe was in his mouth. The girl's body was under that of the man and she apparently died of asphyxiation.

All the vents in the home were stuffed with clothing and the cookstove gas was turned on.

Joseph C Watson, 28, and his daughter Jacque were found by Watson's wife, Janice. The Watson's were separated. Both Watson and his wife were natives of Lamesa and graduates of Lamesa High School. She is the former Miss Janice Dunn.

LUBBOCK, HOCKLY and Lamb counties in Texas are under hog cholera quarantine. The break was in September. During August there was no hog Cholera in the U.S.

Cowpox is a mild eruptive disease of the cow that when communicated to man protects against smallpox.

## Snyder Considered for Plant Site

Snyder is being considered as the location of a plant to employ more than 100 workers for a nationally known manufacturer of women's and children's wear, according to Chamber of Commerce officials.

Officials of the company have visited Snyder and have conferred with Scurry County Industrial Foundation Members, Chamber of Commerce and others.

To remain in contention for the plant, however, Scurry County must prove that enough labor to staff the plant will be available.

The Snyder Chamber is planning an in-depth labor survey to determine the potential labor available for that type of industry.

The Chamber has planned the survey at the request of the Industrial Foundation and the Texas Electric Service Company through whom the initial contact with the company was made.

Chamber officials said the company indicated that some 100 or more workers would be needed at the outset with the possibility of the labor force increasing to around 500 in three years.

Cooperation of the community and civic and service clubs will be sought during the labor survey. Officials of the company are expected to observe the results of the survey before determining if they will establish a plant.

TEXAS BECAME THE leading cattle feeding state in the nation last month with 1.58 million head on feed.

Mr and Mrs. Jim Parker, Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jones, Rt. 1 O'Donnell and toured the Museum in Gail last Wednesday.

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A very wonderful and dynamic little lady is Mrs. Louise Shook of O'Donnell. She has done many good and worthwhile deeds throughout her area and is well thought of and respected by all who know her. Moving to Dawson County in 1907 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Witte, she has lived in and around Lamesa and O'Donnell since the tender age of two.

She is the wife of the late Jeff Shook who was the co-signee of Mobile Oil Company for over 40 yrs. in area. She attends church faithfully and is a member of the First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell.

Arts and crafts is one of her favorite hobbies and her home is a beautiful show place filled with the many lovely things which she makes. Each piece is created with care and pride. Many of them are given away as gifts. She features decopoping and plastic resin and has such lovely things as lamps, butterflies, napkin holders, patridges, candle rings and many many more. She antiques old trunks also and has one that belonged to her mother.

Although she enjoys and spends many happy hours with arts and crafts, she believes her beautiful pot plants are her first love. Her sun porch is filled with plants of all kinds, the blossoms, a-blaze with different colors, each adding its own brilliant hue to delight the beholder.

She raises Angel Wings Begonias, and Beef Steak Begonias, beautiful lush green Ivy and Colius. There are Cactus of many different kinds and African Violets and beautiful trailing African Violets.

Aside from all this, Louise is known as the champion apple grower around O'Donnell since raising one apple that weighed a pound and a half. Other than the prize apple tree in her backyard are peach trees, large pecan trees, apricots, berries and currants. She gives much of this fine fruit to friends and neighbors, as well as delicious dishes she is forever cooking up in her bright kitchen.

A very fine little lady she is indeed and certainly she is an asset to the O'Donnell area.

"The nation's hog farmers are to be complimented for their good judgement and restraint in planned farrowings of pigs this fall and winter," Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M Hardin said recently.

Hog raisers will farrow 11 per cent fewer litters in the September - February period this fall and winter, so indicates the USDA September Pig Crop Report for the 10 Corn Belt States.

"If farmers will hold to these reasonable levels of pork production, they can enjoy brighter income prospects for the next year and there will still be ample supplies of pork for consumer use." The Secretary said.

Years ago farmers increased their fall farrowings by 20 per cent over the previous year. When these larger numbers of pigs reached the market, the heavy increase in pork depressed farm prices. Trying to bolster the hog market, the USDA bought a record amount of pork over several months, but prices at the farm responded only moderately due to heavy supplies.

"I hope that all hog producers will stick to their plans and hold farrowings this fall to the modest levels indicated in the Pig Crop Report," Hardin said.



### Presents Musical

The Post Music Club presented an original adaptation of the folk tale, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Included in the program were vocalists Margie Pennell, Lex Roby, Marilyn Miller, Jim Wells, and George Miller as soloists. Instrumental numbers by flutists and violinists were also presented as well as a rhythmic background music, Mrs. JoAnn Mitchell, Mrs. Jan Cornwell, Mrs. Bobl Olson and Mrs. Libby Ford provided piano accompaniment throughout the performance.

Mrs. Delmo Pearce, El Paso and Clara Johnson was in Gail visiting with their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Benneett this week.

### Rural Ecology

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M Hardin has announced the 1972 Rural Environmental Assistance Program at a funding of \$140 million.

The program helps farmers to carry out needed conservation and environmental protection measures on their farms with costs that will be shared by the Federal Government.

### Chili Supper

The O'Donnell PTA is having a chili supper Friday night the 12th from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. The charge is \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children under 12. Come one, come all before the ball game and eat all the chili and pie you can hold, along with plenty of coffee and tea.

In 1974 the Kentucky Derby will be run for the 100th time.

#### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO The unborn and unknown grand children of J. J. Belew and Marr, Belew, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the District Court of Borden County at the Courthouse thereof, in Gail, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 22nd day of November A.D. 1971, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 4th day of October A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 692 on the docket of said court and styled Ross O. Belew, individually and as next friend for his minor son, Gerald Ross Belew, and Bonnie Jo Long (formerly Bonnie Jo Belew), Plaintiffs, vs. Dennis Burl Belew, Joe Thell Belew, and the unborn and unknown grandchildren of J. J. Belew and Mary L. Belew, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

Plaintiffs' petition asks for the appointment of a receiver to execute and deliver an oil and gas lease on a 33.75-547 interest in and to the oil, gas and other minerals in and under the South 547 acres of Section 532, Block 97, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Borden County, Texas. The Defendants own a contingent future interest in said minerals.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, Doris T. Rudd, Clerk of the District Court (s) of Borden County, Texas. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Gail, Texas, this 4 day of October A.D. 1971.

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# Citizens for Decent Literature

By: Wilma Curry

Much has been written about the problems facing the nation today. Ecology, race issues, the generation gap and the wide spread use of drugs.

One of the most shocking problems of our times is beginning to mushroom into situations where we seem totally unaware of the seriousness of the poison that is a threat to the minds and morals of our young people. This concerns pornography. It has been proven again and again that when children or adults are exposed to a steady diet of pornography they are seriously influenced by it.

Police officials have said over and over that there is a direct relationship between pornography and crimes of violence, and the lack of morals in our youth.

The number of smut peddlers has increased by over 800 per cent in two years. How long can America survive if hard core pornography continues to increase at the rate of 800 per cent every two years?

Scenes unheard of only a few years ago, now are commonplace examples of the ever-worsening pornography that is poisoning our society.

There is a way we can help control this. Charles H. Keating, Jr., an active attorney and businessman is sponsoring a massive campaign against smut. It is called "Citizens For Decent Literature". In 1968 President Johnson appointed a commission to study pornography. In 1969 one of the members resigned and President Nixon appointed Mr. Keating to the Commission. He strongly posed the report by the majority. They saw nothing wrong with pornography.

An article Mr. Keating wrote appeared in this past January's issue of the Readers Digest. The title is "The Report That Shocked the Nation".

Dozens of tests were conducted at tax payers expense. In credible, three years and \$2 million later, a majority (12 of the 18 members) of the Commission recommended repealing all laws that restrict obscene materials from adults, and that even children be permitted all but pictorial pornography. Citizens For Decent Literature, Inc., founded in 1956 now has more than 300 active Chapters across the United States.



## The Borden Star

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They recommend that action against obscenity at the community level should continue vigorously. We should insist that pornographers be arrested, prosecuted and jailed. Second; Congress should enact a law that would prevent the U.S. Supreme Court from overturning an obscenity conviction simply because it does not agree with a determination of obscenity in a lower court.

Citizens For Decent Literature has a legal staff made up of dedicated men who have proved over and over that they are more than a match for the pornographer's lawyers.

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Also other techniques are developed to use in court cases. All this takes money and any one interested should send donations to: Mr. Charles H. Keating, Jr. Citizens For Decent Literature, Box 12038, Washington D.C. 20005.

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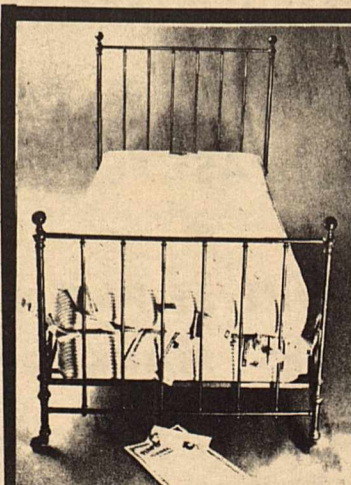
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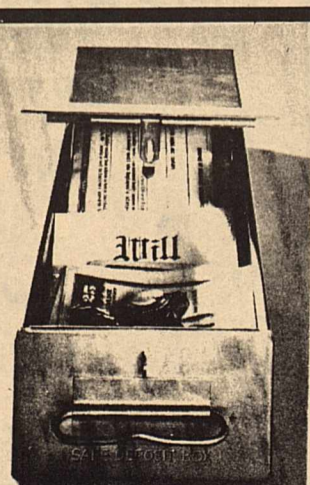
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## Tidbits from the Plains

Bob Ludecke and Weldon Hancock were in Plainview Thursday to attend a pig sale. They spent the night in Canadian with Tom Hancock. On Friday night Bob and Weldon were in Prager, Oklahoma, for a pig sale and then attended a sale in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, on Saturday.

Gae Ludecke and Lisa spent the weekend in Abilene with Bobbie.

Dennis McHenry was in Alabama over the weekend to attend the funeral services of his father, who passed away on November 4th.

Visiting in the Steve Stephens home for the weekend were Mrs. Dalton Cross and Mrs. Ayers of Big Spring and Terri Boyett of Sand Springs. On Sunday the group were in Ralls visiting relatives.

Mrs. Tom Hancock and Keith have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lott in O'Donnell. Keith spent several days with Weldon Hancock and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Doyle and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Doyle visited Eva and Garland Doyle.

Guests of Bill and Mae Stephens were Mrs. Ruth Calcote of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Jones of Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Love and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Burrus.

The John Ragan's and Mrs. Bob Ragan had surprise visitors last Sunday. They were Mr. & Mrs. Dee Holcomb Jr. who are employed by the 3-6's Ranch at Guthrie. They are friends who go a long way back, having worked on the Bob Ragan ranch near Abilene many years ago.

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## New Plant in Dumas

American Beef Packers has announced plans to build a beef slaughtering and fabrication facility with a 10,000 head per week capacity at Dumas, Texas, at an estimated cost of \$10 million. Construction will begin next January with completion expected by January 1973. It will be the company's largest beef plant, employing 1,000.

American has facilities in Omaha, Oakland, Iowa and Morgan, Colo., plus a pork facility at Harlan, Iowa.

How this will affect Missouri Beef's plans to build a plant at Cactus, Texas a few miles distant, has not been revealed.



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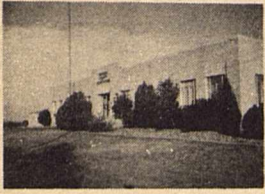
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**Court House Happenings**



**Borden County**

Commissioners Court met in Special Session on October 26, 1971 with all members present. Mr. James Stewart, Surveyor, Snyder, Texas met with the Court concerning a survey of certain streets in Gail. It was agreed that a survey should be made of Kincaid Avenue, beginning at FM 669 and continuing West to the end of Kincaid at the Southwest corner of Block 36 and Northwest corner of Block 37 in Gail.

The minutes containing a list of the Oil Taxpayers and the "H" Roll were reviewed and motion was made by Commissioner Walker that same be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved unanimously.

The minutes of October 11, 1971 were read and approved. A discussion was had on the re-construction of 6.5 miles of road South from U. S. Highway 180 on FM 1054.

A letter from the Texas State Department of Health was read in which the Gail Water Supply Corporation was advised of the necessity of a certified water operator. The court instructed the Maintenance Operator to

comply with the State requirements. A statement from Pritchard and Abbott for evaluation of oil taxes and preparation of Tax Rolls was discussed. The Tax Assessor-Collector certified error in said statement and informed the Court that a corrected statement would be re-submitted by Pritchard and Abbott.

Routine bills were approved in the amount of \$11,171.63. Mr. Glenn Taylor and Mr. Tom Johnson, sales representatives for MuniChem Corporation appeared before the Court and demonstrated chemical products for use in the County operations.

It being determined that the Fluvanna School District Oil Roll was being kept and collected in Scurry County, the Court agreed that said roll should be kept and collected in Borden County.

Mr. Bill Gunter, District County Agent, and Mr. Jake Holmes, Borden County Agent, appeared and discussed prospects for County Agent for replacement of Mr. Holmes who will retire in February, 1972. No further business. Meeting adjourned.

The Sunday School Class of Carolyn Long baked pies and presented them to John M. Johnson Sunday morning. Hohn has been in ill health for some time.

Gaylon Dickey of Abilene spent Saturday in Gail, visiting the Clark's.

There ain't no man can avoid being born average, but there ain't no man got to be common. Satchel Paige

**Patriotic Societies**

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Just as men and women who graduate from the same school or college form alumni clubs to keep up their early friendships, so have soldiers who have camped, marched, and fought together in a common cause formed societies to carry on their association after they return to civilian life. These societies are rightly called Patriotic Societies. Their purpose is to encourage a love of their country, to preserve for their countries historical documents and sites of historical interest and to maintain brotherhood among those who have worked and fought for a common cause. Patriotic Societies have also been formed not by men who actually participated in any war, but by relatives who did.

The first of this series concerns such a society.

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The Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington, D.C. in 1890 -- one hundred and fifteen years after the war whose veterans it commemorates. It was incorporated by an act of Congress in 1896.

Membership in this Patriotic Society include women who can trace their ancestry from patriots, soldiers and sailors who fought for the American colonies, helping them to win freedom from England.

The purposes of the organization are; to keep alive the memory and spirit of men and women who win American Independence, to promote institutions for the diffusion of knowledge, to cherish maintain and spread the ideals of American Freedom and liberty

to all mankind, and to foster true patriotism.

The DAR has collected valuable documents and relics from the days of the Revolutionary War. These are housed in a library and museum in Washington, D.C. The DAR also has its own headquarters building, The Memorial Continental Hall, in Washington. During the week in which April 19 occurs, delegates from local chapters meet in annual convention in Washington.

As a result of the DAR the Sons of the American Revolution was organized in 1889, as well as the Sons of the Revolution founded in 1876. Each of these has the same purpose and membership requirements as The Daughters of the American Revolution.

**"TEARDROPS"**  
By: Wilma Currey

Her tears fell like rain on the broken picture frame. The smiling little face within brought back all the buried past. And the heartache lingering there, Never dims but lasts and lasts. The old house was musty and the dust had settled there, But the memories of the past, rippled through the mind like echoes of time, That chimed and chimed: "He's gone! He's gone!" The little feet that pattered on the old worn floor, Were stilled so suddenly so silently to be heard no more All that remains is the picture in the frame, And the tears that fall and fall like rain.

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